



Family Squirrel Hunt!

Saturday, January 16, 2010
Yankee Springs Recreation Area
Middleville, MI

Squirrel hunting has long been thought of as a fun family hunting tradition and is a great “first” hunting experience for youngsters and beginning adults! An excellent opportunity to reinforce and practice the lessons learned in hunter safety education class or as a way to “try it” under the Michigan apprentice license mentoring program; squirrel hunting is a great way for families to spend a day together in Michigan’s great outdoors!

We will meet at the Yankee Springs Recreation Main office at 9:00 a.m. for a presentation on hunter safety followed by a basic small game-hunting lesson. A target range will be set up for new shooters and/or those who feel they need a bit of practice first! Lunch will be served, and then hunters will be paired up and each pair will have their own guide and assigned hunting area.

What to bring:

For this hunt, each participant will be required to possess a valid Michigan small game license or a Michigan apprentice small game license. For detailed information regarding both licenses and fees, please refer to the Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide found on the DNR website: www.michigan.gov/dnr. You may purchase your license online or at most sporting goods retailers. Please note in the guide that a junior small game license is available to youngsters ages 10-16.

You’re own .22 rifle or shotgun, with appropriate ammunition. **If you do not own a firearm, please indicate so on the registration form.** The BOW program has limited equipment available, and we will do what we can to provide this equipment to you for the hunt.

Something to sit down on during the hunt- this can be a low seated chair or a waterproof cushion of some sort. Most outdoor retailers sell this type of equipment. A good place to look is in the deer hunting section.

You are required by law to wear hunter orange for this hunt! A hunter orange vest and/or cap must be worn at all times afield as your outermost clothing. The BOW program has a limited number of hunter orange vests you may borrow if you do not have one. Dress warm and waterproof! You will be sitting for the most part during this hunt. Layer as much as possible! Warm insulated boots are a must along with warm hats and gloves. A warming house will be close by – however the more prepared you are; the more fun your squirrel hunt is guaranteed to be!

A thermos for coffee or hot chocolate - *we will provide fill-ups!*

Optional items to bring:

A small blind bag for extra ammunition and your own afternoon snacks!

A pair of binoculars may come in handy if you have them.

You may also wish to bring a camera along - sealed in a waterproof container.

Please Note! In case of unfavorable road conditions we have reserved the following Saturday, January 23, 2010, as an alternate hunt date. We will only cancel the January 16th date if the roads are bad. If it is determined that unfavorable road conditions exist or are predicted in the hunt area, we will contact you by telephone the evening before. Please make sure you include a number where you can be reached any time of day on the registration form.

If you have any questions please contact Sue Tabor, BOW State Coordinator at (517) 241-2225.